

REMARKS

The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated February 26, 2008. Claims 1 and 4 to 10 are in the application, of which Claims 1 and 7 to 10 are independent. Claims 1 and 4 to 10 have been amended herein. Claims 2, 3, and 11 to 37 have been cancelled without prejudice. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

The drawings have been objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) for allegedly not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims. In particular, the Office Action asserts that the drawings do not show “a layer composed of at least a polysiloxane compound, the layer being laminated on the organic semiconductor layer...”. The objection is respectfully traversed. As shown in Figs 1B, 2, and 8 of the instant application, a polysiloxane compound layer 3 is laminated on an organic semiconductor layer 6. See page 54, lines 1 to 10 of the specification.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that Claims 7 to 10 contain allowable subject matter. In keeping with this indication, Claims 7 to 10 have been rewritten in independent form.

Claims 1 to 5 and 37 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 7,193,237 (Aramaki) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,617,609 (Kelley). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, a layer consisting essentially of a silsesquioxane compound represented by the general formula (2).

Neither Aramaki nor Kelley, even in the proposed combination, assuming,

arguendo, that such could be combined, is seen to disclose or suggest at least the above-discussed feature.

Kelley may be seen to describe an organic thin film transistor in which a siloxane polymer layer is formed between an organic semiconductor layer and an insulating layer. However, according to Kelley, the number of trifunctionally- and tetrafunctionally-derived siloxane (i.e., silsesquioxane) units should not exceed about 10 percent, preferably about 5 percent or less, of the total average number of siloxane units in the polymer. Thus, it is clear the Kelley that does not disclose a layer consisting essentially of a silsesquioxane compound represented by the general formula (2).

Nothing in Aramaki is seen to remedy the foregoing deficiencies of Kelley.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from the independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should be directed to our address given below.

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